

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF JAMES M. FELTIS III

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of James M. Feltis III; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III was a man committed to his family, a devoted husband to his wife of 21 years, and loving father to his six-year-old daughter; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III had been a field training officer, a criminal investigator, and a member of the HAZMAT Response Team through his 11 years of service with the Pentagon Police Department; and

Whereas, James M. Feltis III will be remembered for his ultimate sacrifice of self while protecting others, earning the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal of Valor. His example of strength and courage will be forever remembered by those who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of James M. Feltis III.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. JOHN D. BARTH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to rise today and recognize an outstanding Marine, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Barth, who will retire this summer after 20 years of active service in the United States Marine Corps. During the past three and one-half years, a time of great importance to the Marine Corps as we are a Nation at war, he has served admirably as the Marine Corps primary liaison to Congress for Appropriation Matters.

Many of my colleagues and their staffs have come to know Lieutenant Colonel Barth as an exceptional spokesman for the United States Marine Corps. He has earned the complete confidence of the Members and staff of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, which I have the honor to chair, and the personal staff of Committee Members.

His straightforward approach and complete grasp of all facets concerning expeditionary warfare and program management, coupled with his gifted leadership and superb manage-

ment have been of great benefit to my staff, the U.S. Congress and our national security. Lieutenant Colonel Barth ensured that the U.S. Congress had the information necessary to determine how to best equip, maintain and support the United States Marine Corps, America's force-in-readiness. These important programs include the MV-22, Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV), Lightweight 155 Howitzer (LW-155), Maritime Prepositioned Force (Future), LHA(R), LPD-17, initial issue of gear for the individual Marine, and critical equipment required for the Global War on Terrorism.

Lieutenant Colonel Barth's uncompromising professionalism and interpersonal skills have provided a great service to the Congress. He has helped ensure that the Congress has the proper information about Marine Corps requirements and issues at the right time to make critical decisions about the future of the Marine Corps. His responses to numerous congressional inquiries made by House and Senate Members have always been timely, accurate, and professional.

Mr. Speaker, I have personally known Lieutenant Colonel Barth to possess an unquestionable devotion to duty, impeccable integrity, absolute sound character, and an exceptional sense of humor. He is a true consummate professional. His judicious use of these traits has allowed him to handle even the most delicate situations with what appears to be relative ease.

On a more personal note, I wish to highly commend Lieutenant Colonel Barth for his unwavering devotion to the injured and wounded Marines returning from our current combat operations overseas. On many occasions over the last several years, my wife Beverly and I have enlisted Lieutenant Colonel Barth's assistance in addressing the needs of our Marines and their families at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and other hospitals. Lieutenant Colonel Barth has not only addressed the needs and concerns of the Marines and their families promptly, but he has gone beyond the call of duty by personally visiting these young Marines, building personal relationships, offering counsel and other words of encouragement and advice, and providing true Marine leadership to these young men otherwise facing daunting personal challenges.

Through his exceptional personal efforts, Lieutenant Colonel Barth has contributed immeasurably to the Marine Corps, helping to ensure the strength and vitality of the Navy/Marine Corps team for years to come. In doing so, he has gone beyond his own service and positively impacted our Nation's defense. Lieutenant Colonel Barth has made a lasting contribution to the capability of today's Marine Corps and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps.

It has been a distinct pleasure to work closely with Lieutenant Colonel Barth over the past three and one-half years. His insights have always been invaluable. He has set a high standard for others to emulate. His superior performance of duties highlighted the cul-

mination of 20 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House and on the Appropriations Committee in wishing Lieutenant Colonel John Barth, his wife Michele, and their wonderful family continued success in their future endeavors. Many thanks, and Semper Fidelis, Lieutenant Colonel Barth. Our Nation has benefited from your outstanding leadership.

ANNOTATION TO SPECIAL ORDER OF APRIL 28, 2005 ON AMERICA'S RICE FARMERS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, please annotate that in my Special Order of 28 April 2005 on America's rice farmers, the profiles highlighting the farming legacies of the two Texas rice farmers—Mr. Ray Stoesser and Mr. Jack Wendt—were derived from Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Beaumont, TX)'s Texas Rice Newsletter in the July 2002, Volume II, Number 5 and June 2003, Volume III, Number 4 editions, respectively. Moreover, Mr. Wendt's letter to President George W. Bush appeared in a Special Guest Editorial published in the March 2005, Volume V, Number 1 edition of the aforementioned newsletter.

Thank you for your attention to this information.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH ANTHONY CITTA

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph Anthony Citta who is retiring at the age of 97 after almost a century of life lived to its fullest.

An attorney in Toms River, New Jersey, Joe was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1934. After his induction into the U. S. Army in 1941, he was discharged as a Major in 1946, following duty in Germany with the War Crimes Section.

Returning to Toms River with his wife and children, he built his law practice, Citta, Holzapfel, Azbarsky and Simon, of which he is CEO today.

He has served on the State Veterans Service Council, having been appointed by Governor Driscoll. Joe Citta was appointed as first Public Defender in Ocean County, and is a member of the Ocean County Bar Association, the New Jersey Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Joe has served as President of many community organizations, among them the Toms

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River Athletic Association, the Board of Education of Toms River, the Ocean County Bar Association, the Toms River Rotary Club, the Ocean County Council Boy Scouts of America, and Toms River Chamber of Commerce. He was named Ocean County College (OCC) Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year twice, and also twice received the OCC Distinguished Service Award.

His benevolent acts in the community through the Citta Foundation are legendary. His significant contributions through the Foundation are directed at the betterment of education and life in Dover Township, which he has called home for so many years.

I am pleased to congratulate my friend, Joseph A. Citta, on his retirement, and to extend the gratitude of the community for his generosity and support during a lifetime of service.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF GEORGE TOZZI, SR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of George Tozzi, Sr.; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. was a retired meat cutter with Kroger company, the former owner of the Tee-Pee in West Bellaire, and former owner of Phillip's Trailer Court; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clairsville, the Knights of Columbus, Board of Directors for A Special Wish Foundation, former member of the Bellaire Civil Service Commission, and American Legion Post 52 of Bellaire; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. bravely defended our country for four years aboard the U.S.S. Nashville in the Pacific Theater of World War II; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which he gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. His life and example inspired all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of George Tozzi, Sr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

April 24th, of every year, marks the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Ninety years ago, 1.5 million innocent Armenians were killed at the hands of the Ottoman Empire. This, the first genocide of the 20th century, must be remembered, acknowledged, and continuously reaffirmed.

It must be our goal to remind the Congress, remind the country, and remind the world that the Genocide happened. It is a historical fact, and we will never forget.

The United States should affirm the genocide once and for all for so many reasons. But one of the most important reasons is so that we prevent atrocities from happening in the future.

If we're ever going to prevent genocides in the future, the world has to admit to the past. When genocides happen, we have to condemn them for what they are.

The quote from Adolf Hitler, in justifying his evil acts, says it all—"who remembers today the extermination of the Armenians?"

Well, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I'm here today to answer that question. We remember. And we'll never forget.

And we're not alone by a long shot. In fact, 37 States in this country have formally recognized the Armenian Genocide. I think that's a strong statement about the level of support in this country for recognizing the Genocide.

And of course the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues is fully committed to this cause. On April 24th of every year, the President is required to issue a statement on the Armenian Genocide. Recently, 178 Members of the House of Representatives, and 32 Senators sent letters to the President urging him to use the word "genocide" in this year's statement.

We will continue our efforts here in Congress and use all the means at our disposal.

Some dispute the charge against the Ottomans, but let me make my feelings clear; the Armenian Genocide happened, and it is the duty and responsibility of the United States and this Congress to affirm that. I rise today, to reaffirm my position; it is time the United States Congress does the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on April 27, 2005, I was out of the office and was unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted:

H.R. 748, On Agreeing to the Scott Amendment—"No".

TRIBUTE TO VAN JOHNSON

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a man with a truly distinguished career in the healthcare community. To say that Van Johnson has made a permanent mark in the healthcare field would only begin to skim the surface of the many wonderful contributions that he has made as a leader in the healthcare industry and in his own community. As his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate Mr. Johnson's illustrious career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting

one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizen leaders.

Mr. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in international relations and psychology from Brigham Young University, and a master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota. Upon completion of his education, Mr. Johnson served for 13 years in leadership roles at Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Prior to assuming his current position as president and chief executive officer of Sutter Health in 1995, Mr. Johnson served as senior vice president and chief operating officer for Sutter's acute and non-acute facilities as well as services and physician organizations in the Sacramento, Placer and Yolo County region. Under his exemplary and innovative leadership, Sutter Health has built or replaced more than a dozen hospitals and major patient care centers, and has introduced hundreds of new patient services. Mr. Johnson's commitment and dedication culminated in an initiative worth over 5 billion dollars to rebuild, replace, and expand much of Northern California's health care infrastructure. In just the past five years, Sutter Health has invested well over 1 billion dollars in services for the poor and in programs and services that benefit local communities.

Mr. Johnson has also long been active with community-based organizations. In 2001, the Sacramento division of the Boy Scouts of America recognized him as "Man of the Year," and the United Cerebral Palsy Association named him "Humanitarian of the Year." In 2002, he received the prestigious National Healthcare Award from B'nai B'rith International, one of the world's oldest and largest organizations focused on human rights, community action, and humanitarian causes.

In addition to his duties as president and CEO of Sutter Health in Northern California, he is currently board chairperson for the Integrated Healthcare Council of California and an advisory council member for the University of California-Davis Graduate School of Business. He also serves on the boards of the Sacramento Regional Foundation and the Northern California chapter of the March of Dimes.

Mr. Speaker, as Van Johnson's friends, family, and colleagues gather to celebrate his great career, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. Mr. Johnson's continued leadership is a true testament to public service. If a template for commitment to healthcare could be made, it would surely bear the resemblance of Van R. Johnson. Although his time at Sutter Health may soon be complete, his involvement in community service is, fortunately for us, far from over. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Mr. Van Johnson continued success in all his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF NATALIE J. VANNELLE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Natalie J. Vannelle; and